



EASTERN AREA COORDINATING GROUP

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Subject: 2012 Eastern Area Interagency Priority Trainee Program

To: Eastern Area Interagency Fire Community and Agency Training Officers

The Eastern Area Coordinating Group (EACG) invites Eastern Area agencies to submit nominations for the 2012 Eastern Area Priority Trainee Program. The following information provides guidelines for determining the applicability of this program to prospective applicants.

The Priority Trainee (PT) Program has an extensive history, within the Eastern Area, as a viable process to find training opportunities for our interagency candidates. Hundreds of individuals have become fully qualified resources because of the PT program. The Eastern Area has many individuals needing assignments to complete Performance Task Books to become fully qualified. You may wish to consider nominating a Priority Trainee Program for the coming year.

Nomination Process

Individuals wishing to participate in PT Program should submit a nomination form along with a copy of their IQS/IQCS Master Record through agency accepted channels to their Home Unit. The Home Units will prioritize each PT nomination by position and submit the nominations to their respective Eastern Area Training Working Team (EATWT) representative.

http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/userfiles/EasternArea/ea_twt_members.pdf All nominations must be received by EATWT representatives by the close of business on February 3, 2012.

The EATWT will develop a “final” interagency list at the Joint Working Team meeting in February. This final Priority Trainee list will be submitted to the EACG, Eastern Area Coordination Center (EACC), State Compacts Representatives and Agency Training Officers by **February 29, 2012**, and posted at the Eastern Area Coordination Center’s website,

<http://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/administrative/training/training.htm> .

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Respectfully,

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